

PROCLAMATION **DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE**

September 11, 2004

WHEREAS, as we remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and the thousands of innocent lives lost on that day, we recall the outpouring of compassion and faith that swept our nation and world; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11 altered our lives forever, but Americans responded with resolve and determination, first recovering, now rebuilding, and at all times, committed to protecting our people and preserving our freedom; and

WHEREAS, for the families and friends of those who died, each new day requires courage and perseverance, and their noble character has brought our nation hope in the face of such tragedy; and

WHEREAS, on this day of prayer and remembrance, all North Dakotans are encouraged to take time to pause and reflect on the disastrous events of that day and join together in their communities to honor those who were lost and to pray for those who grieve; and

WHEREAS, we pray for our brave men and women who are defending our freedoms in foreign lands and the thousands of professional and volunteer law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services officials who are working tirelessly to secure our homeland; and

WHEREAS, we remember the fallen heroes and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice in fighting the war on terrorism and protecting our way of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 11, 2004, **DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State